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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/692,979	Applicant(s) CAMPBELL ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 12-16 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 12-16 & 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections under - 35 USC § 112 are withdrawn, in view of amendments

Claim 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over SINGER et al 4147800

Almost 100% lice are killed within 24 hours (column 3, lines 22-38) by applying isopropanol and 50% isopropyl (IPM) myristate (1:1 to 1-column 2, lines 60-63) or less (column 4, top; column 3, lines 32-35). IPM above, at 70%, with polysorbate and water carrier, killed 100% lice (column 4, lines 21-32). Table I shows 100% kill with 100% IPM. Examples are with human lice, obviously inclusive of all species. Note alcohol at 25% killed no lice (Table II); 40% killed only 7% (column 3, bottom).

Curve 2 is only IPM (COL. 4, LINE 23-26) & POLYSORBATE @ 70%, WITH 15% DEATH IN A 2 MINUTE TEST thus meeting The instant claims which now require 0 % kill ("up to " is inclusive of 0).

NO OTHER AGENTS are needed, only IPM. As to the retention, examples show shampoos, lotions. Only shampoos would have a short time of retention, but lotions would be applied as is known in the art, without intentional removal; thus, retention of hours.

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Claim 1-4, 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over SINGER

See above; Table I shows IPM alone kills 100% of lice, obvious to use prevent alcohol irritation (column 3, top) if subject is sensitive.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made desiring to utilize pest control means, to use any of art recognized means, as of the ectoparasitidal, pediculicide compositions to control lice, modified as desired to decrease toxicity to patients.

All the critical elements of the instant are disclosed. The amounts and proportions of each ingredient are result effective parameters chosen to obtain the desired effects. It would be obvious to vary the form of the composition to optimize the effect desired, to optimize reduction of toxicity, cost minimization, enhanced, and prolonged, or synergistic effects.

Applicant has not provided any objective evidence of criticality, nonobvious or unexpected results that the administration of the particular ingredients' or concentrations provides any greater or different level of prior art expectation as claimed, and the use of ingredient for the functionality for which they are known to be used is not basis for patentability.

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Claims 12-16, 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over SINGER et al 4147800 in view of REID et al 5972987 and further in view of Von Bittera et al 4544547.

SINGER (above) kills lice, but does not mention combing.

REID shows application of pediculicide and dye (column 4, lines 6-11) permit removal with combs (column 4, lines 50-56) from human or animal (lines 63-66) particularly head lice (column 5, lines 44-48). Example 1 shows use of silicone and IPM.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made desiring to utilize pest control means, to use any of art recognized means, as of the pediculicide compositions of SINGER to control lice, modified as desired to decrease toxicity to patients. Motivation to combine springs from the IPM synergy of SINGER, with further removal of lice and nits facilitated by dye and comb of REID.

Von Bittera shows the application of IPM (example 2) in the control of ectoparasites of dogs & cats, including dog flea, dog louse, & ticks (col. 12, lines 23-40).

All the critical elements of the instant are disclosed. The amounts and proportions of each ingredient are result effective parameters chosen to obtain the desired effects. It would be obvious to vary the form of the composition to optimize the effect desired, to optimize reduction of toxicity, cost minimization, enhanced, and prolonged, or synergistic effects.

Applicant has not provided any objective evidence of criticality, nonobvious or unexpected results that the administration of the particular ingredients' or the manner of

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treating lice, combing, shampooing, rinsing, or ingredient concentrations provides any greater or different level of prior art expectation as claimed, and the use of ingredient for the functionality for which they are known to be used is not basis for patentability

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/05/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant still argues that only IPM kills now; but in fact SINGER shows only IPM kills. IT'S NOT the preferred or synergistic formulation, but it meets the instant claims. The argument as to only 15 % kill is not sustainable, as applicant does not require any kill at all.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL LEVY whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7 AM to 5:30 PM EST..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ROBERT A. WAX can be reached on 571-272-0623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/NEIL LEVY/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1615 8/26/2010